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SUBJ: GENSCHE/MINIC TALKS

1. SUMMARY. NEWLY-ARRIVED FRG COUNSELOR, WHO WAS CHARGE'  
DURING GENSCHE/MINIC'S YUGOSLAV VISIT, MADE INTRODUCTORY COURTESY  
CALL ON EMBYCOUNS SEP 1 AND PROVIDED RUNDOWN OF  
AUG 27 TRIP BY FONMIN GENSCHE/MINIC TO VISIT YUGOSLAV  
COUNTERPART MINIC. ACCORDING TO CHARGE', TALKS CENTERED  
ON MINIC'S RESUME OF COLOMBO SUMMIT; GENSCHE/MINIC'S QUESTIONS ON  
TITO'S MEDITERRANEAN PROPOSAL; TO-AND-FRO  
ON CIEC PROSPECTS IN POST-COLOMBO PERIOD; AND  
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EXPLORATION OF SOME IDEAS FOR UNGA AGENDA: BILATERAL

ISSUES ONLY TOUCHED UPON IN PASSING WITH NO MEANINGFUL  
SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE. END SUMMARY.

2. FRG CHARGE' PROVIDED EMBASSY COUNSELOR WITH RUNDOWN  
OF GENSCHER'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP  
WAS TO OBTAIN "MEDIA EXPOSURE" FOR GENSCHER IN CONTEXT  
OF UPCOMING FRG ELECTIONS. CHARGE' SAID THAT VISIT,  
ALTHOUGH HASTILY ARRANGED ONLY FOUR DAYS IN ADVANCE,  
HAD IN PRINCIPLE BEEN IN THE WORKS SINCE JUNE. HE  
CHARACTERIZED IT AS A WORKING VISIT AND SAID THAT  
MINIC'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO GERMANY LAST NOVEMBER WOULD  
STILL BE RECIPROCATED AT SOME FUTURE DATE BY FRG FONMIN.

3. MOST OF FIVE-HOUR MEETING AT MINIC'S COASTAL  
VACATION SPOT TAKEN UP WITH HIS REVIEW OF COLOMBO  
AND GENSCHER QUESTIONING ABOUT YUGOSLAV ROLE AT  
NONALIGNED CONFERENCE AND PLANS FOR FUTURE OF THE  
MOVEMENT. CHARGE' SAID THAT ALTHOUGH MINIC WAS CANDID  
IN HIS PRESENTATION, HIS PRESENTATION DID NOT  
YIELD ANY NUANCES DIFFERENT FROM THE LINE TAKEN BY  
TOP YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS UPON RETURN FROM SRI LANKA  
AND NOW REPEATED IN YUGOSLAV PRESS.  
DURING GENSCHER CROSS-QUESTIONING, HOWEVER, FOLLOWING  
POINTS EMERGED: (A) ON NONALIGNED CALL FOR  
EMBARGO AGAINST FRANCE, GENSCHER WARNED YUGOSLAVS  
OF DANGERS OF TRYING TO ISOLATE INDIVIDUAL  
COUNTRIES AND PRESSURE THEM BECAUSE OF SPECIFIC ACTIONS.  
HE SAID FRG WOULD VIEW VERY SERIOUSLY ANY ATTEMPT TO  
IMPLEMENT THE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST FRANCE BECAUSE OF LATTER'S  
POLICIES TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. MINIC REPLIED THAT IN  
TRYING TO MAKE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL DEALS WITH SOUTH  
AFRICA FRENCH HAD "SLAUGHTERED ON OX TO GAIN A POUND  
OF FLESH." HE SAID BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS THEMSELVES  
WERE THE ECONOMIC MARKET OF THE FUTURE, FRANCE WAS BOTH  
STRATEGICALLY AND TACTICALLY IN ERROR BY DEALING WITH  
SOUTH AFRICA, AND YUGOSLAVS COULD CERTAINLY NOT DEFEND  
FRENCH ACTIONS AS ALL OF FRANCOPHONE AFRICA OPPOSED FRENCH  
DEALINGS WITH RSA. (NOTE: THIS SOUNDS LIKE STANDARD  
YUGOSLAV LINE OF "HOW CAN WE BE AHEAD OF THOSE COUNTRIES  
IN THE AREA WHO...", E.G., ON PUERTO RICO, KOREA,  
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ANGOLA.) (B) MEDITERRANEAN AREA OF PEACE AND COOPERATION:  
GENSCHER ASKED MINIC WHAT TITO HAD IN MIND WITH RESPECT  
TO MEDITERRANEAN IN HIS SPEECH AT COLOMBO. MINIC REPLIED  
THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD A TWO-STEP PROCESS IN MIND. FIRST,  
THERE WOULD BE A CONFERENCE OF NONALIGNED MEDITERRANEAN  
COUNTRIES; SECOND, A MEETING THAT COULD INCLUDE ISRAEL  
AS WELL AS US AND SOVIET UNION (THE LATTER TWO "BECAUSE  
OF THE PRESENCE OF THEIR FLEETS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.").

MINIC DID NOT GIVE A DIRECT ANSWER TO GENSCHER'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER BULGARIA WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED A MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY THAT SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

(C) ECONOMIC ISSUES POST-COLOMBO: MINIC TOLD GENSCHER THAT THE GROUP OF 19 AT THE CIEC WOULD "BE SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF THE NON-ALIGNED AS A WHOLE" AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE. THIS REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNED RATHER THAN G-77 SURPRISED GENSCHER (AS IT DOES US AS WELL). HE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID A WORSENING OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL RELATIONS IT WAS IMPERATIVE REPEAT IMPERATIVE THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO TWO THINGS AT PARIS, TO WIT: AGREE TO (1) "ALLEVIATE" DEBT BURDEN OF LDC'S, AND (2) TAKE ACTION TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS OF THIRD WORLD RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS. (SOUNDS LIKE "PRESSURE" TO US. IN SAYING THIS, MINIC STRESSED HE UNDERSTOOD GERMANS WERE THE TOUGHEST IN OPPOSING LEGITIMATE THIRD WORLD DEMANDS AT CIEC MEETINGS. ACCORDING TO CHARGE, GENSCHER COUNTERED MINIC FIRMLY ON THESE POINTS SAYING THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO AGREE TO SWEEPING FORMULATIONS PRESENTED BY THE G-19 AND THAT UNLESS THIRD WORLD OFFERED CONCRETE AND WORKABLE SUGGESTIONS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION.

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4. OVERALL CHARGE' SAID MINIC WAS AT HIS MOST AGGRESSIVE WHEN DISCUSSING FUTURE OF PARIS CONFERENCE, MORE MODULATED ON TOPIC OF MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE, AND WAS LEAST INTENSE ON ISSUE OF FRENCH POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA AND REACTION OF NON-ALIGNED THERETO.

5. AFTER DISCUSSION OF COLOMBO AND CIEC ISSUES, GENSCHER ACQUAINTED MINIC WITH FRG PLAN TO PROPOSE AT UNGA A RESOLUTION ON KIDNAPPING (SOME FORM OF MANDATORY EXTRADITION AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION), POINTING OUT THAT FRG WOULD LIKELY NOT LINK THIS ISSUE WITH BROADER TERRORISM ISSUE IN GENERAL.  
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MINIC REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD LOOK WITH FAVOR ON AN ANTI-KIDNAPPING RESOLUTION AND THAT GOY AGREED IT WOULD BE BEST TO KEEP DISCUSSION OF SAME OUTSIDE OF BROADER CONTEXT OF ANTI-TERRORISM INITIATIVES.

6. BOTH SIDES HAD VERY LITTLE TIME, ACCORDING TO CHARGE', TO COVER BILATERAL ISSUES; BUT DID TOUCH BRIEFLY ON FOLLOWING: (A) EMIGRE' TERRORISM-- MINIC STATED HE EXPECTED FRG TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST ACTIONS OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRE TERRORISTS, TO WHICH ACCORDING TO CHARGE', "GENSCHER NODDED;" (B) MINIC ASKED FOR MORE ACTION BY FRG TO BRING BILATERAL TRADE ACCOUNTS INTO BETTER BALANCE; GENSCHER COUNTERED THAT THIS A WORTHY OBJECTIVE BUT IN SAME CONTEXT HOPED THAT GERMAN COMPANIES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO OPEN REPRESENTATIVE FIRMS IN YUGOSLAVIA; (C) YUGOSLAVS ASKED FOR BETTER PRESS TREATMENT IN WEST GERMAN MEDIA; GENSCHER COUNTERED BY SAYING THAT GERMANS EXPECTED THEIR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS, POINTEDLY MAKING REFERENCE TO FACT THAT MINIC HAD RECEIVED NO GERMAN CORRESPONDENT FOR EVEN SO MUCH AS A BACKGROUND INTERVIEW. CHARGE' SPECIFICALLY

SAID MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONS WERE NOT  
DISCUSSED AND THERE WAS NO STRESS ON EMIGRE TERRORISM  
QUESTION.

7. AFTER CHARGE'S RUN-THROUGH, EMBCOUNS ASKED FOR FRG  
ASSESSMENT OF YUGOSLAV ROLE AT NON-ALIGNED COLOMBO  
CONFERENCE. CHARGE' REPLIED THAT THERE WAS SOMEWHAT  
OF A SPLIT BETWEEN FRG EMBASSY IN BELGRADE AND ITS  
BONN MINISTRY ON THIS POINT. EMBASSY HAD VIEW  
THAT YUGOSLAVS ALTHOUGH NOT EXTREMISTS, WERE CERTAINLY  
NOT MODERATE, WHILE BONN "STILL USING MODERATE  
CHARACTERIZATION." HE SAID HE HIMSELF HAD NO TIME  
TO BRIEF GENSCHER, BUT THAT POLICY DEBATE NOW  
ONGOING WITHIN FRG. HE HOPED THAT THERE WILL BE  
RESOLUTION OF THE SOMEWHAT DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW.

8. COMMENT: WE DONOT KNOW INTRICACIES OF FRG  
ELETIONEERING, BUT WE ARE PUZZLED ABOUT HOW VALUABLE  
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GENSCHER'S "MEDIA EXPOSURE" GAINED IN YUGOSLAVIA  
WOULD BE. EMBASSY HAS MADE ITS VIEW KNOWN ON  
SEMANTIC, AND CONCEPTUAL, APPROPRIATENESS OF TAGGING  
YUGOSLAVS AS "MODERATES" IN NON-ALIGNED AS OTHERS WONT  
TO DO. FRG EMBASSY HERE SEEMS TO HAVE SAME DISPUTE,  
AND ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE RECENTLY MENTIONED SIMILAR  
POINT TO AMBASSADOR. TITO'S REFERENCE AT NAC TO  
MEDITERRANEAN "PEACE AND COOPERATION AREA" AND MINIC'S  
RESPONSE TO GENSCHER MOST PROBABLY PART OF GENERAL  
YUGOSLAV POLICY TO APPEAR TO INCLUDE ARAB WORLD IN  
EUROPEAN/MEDITERRANEAN DELIBERATIONS. YUGOSLAVS ALSO  
LIKELY DEVISING SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR BELGRADE (CSCE)  
'77 AND MAY BE CONSIDERING RESURRECTING OLD MALTAN  
MEDITERRANEAN PLOY, OF WHICH "MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE"  
COULD BE HARBINGER. MINIC RSPONSES HOWEVER FIRST  
EVIDENCE TO US OF ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY. FINALLY,  
FROM CHARGE'S ACCOUNT OF TALKS, GENSCHER (LIKE ANOTHER  
FONMIN OF NOTE) HAS CONSIDERABLE WIT AND LIKES TO USE  
IT. HOWEVER, WITH STOLID MINIC ON MONTENEGRIN COAST  
GENSCHER HUMOR WAS UNTRADEABLE COMMODITY. ONLY MINIC  
ANIMATION REPORTED BY CHARGE' WAS OCCASIONAL RAPID NODDING  
OF HEAD, THAT GERMANS ASSOCIATED WITH MINIC'S PARKINSON'S  
DISEASE.  
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